(*b*) improving the court entrance canal, Parur;

(*c*) reconstruction of the old building of the Chengamanad Primary School for girls;

(*d*) conversion of the old Civil Jail building at Parur into a camp-shed;

(*e*) conversion of Puthenvelikara village road from Thuruthipuram to Ayirur into a cart road;

(*f*) opening a road from Manjali road to Thadikalkadavu road; and

(*g*) construction of a foot bridge across the branch canal from Kuriyappilli canal near Muthakunnam temple?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The building work which was commenced last year had to be kept in abeyance as desired by the Director of Public Instruction who is considering the question of a change of a site.

(*b*) The estimate is under consideration.

(*c*) The work has been started and is in progress.

(*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) The Chief Engineer reports that estimates for these works are being prepared.

(*g*) The matter is under consideration.

Committee for revision of the Free Pass Rules.

126. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reason for the delay in appointing the Committee promised by Government for the revision of Free Pass Rules of the Forest Department; and

(*b*) whether the said Committee will be appointed at an early date?

MR T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There has been no avoidable delay in appointing the Committee.

(*b*) Yes.

Sanitation of the Azhagappapuram Village.

127. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total tax levied by Government from the people of Azhagappapuram village in Agastisvaram taluk; and

(*b*) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to improve the sanitary condition of the above village and to prevent the percolation of water from the adjoining wet lands?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Land tax—about Rs. 4,000.

(*b*) The Sanitary Commissioner has requested the Chief Engineer to depute the Sub-Division Officer, Nagercoil, to make a joint inspection with the Sanitary Circle Officer, Nagercoil and suggest measures of improvement. The report of the joint inspection is awaited.

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MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know when the request was sent to the Chief Engineer?

PRESIDENT : Which part of the answer are you referring to?

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : Part (*b*).

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The exact date on which a requisition was sent to the Chief Engineer is not now before me.

The Sanitary Commissioner has reported that he has sent a requisition to the Chief Engineer.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know whether any action has been taken in the matter?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Of course, they must make a joint inspection of the place and probably the Chief Engineer may be deputing a Sub-division Officer with instructions to inspect the place.

Circular of 27th April 1925.

128. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of Government Circular or Order R. Dis. No. 458/25/G. A., dated, Trivandrum, 27th April 1925?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The member is referred to pages 1005 to 1018 of Vol. VIII of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council, where the G. O. has been published. Copies of the Volume are available for reference in the Legislative Council Library.

Appointment of members of certain communities to posts in the Land Revenue Department.

129. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): (1) With reference to the statements in paragraphs 4 and 5 of G. O. R. Dis. No. 458/25/G. A., dated the 27th April 1925, that "The Land Revenue Commissioner is requested to state why the recruitment from the communities poorly represented in the Department was inadequate, seeing that there were a large number of applications from them"; that "No explanation whatever has been offered for the glaring inequality in the distribution of official patronage as disclosed by the above figures. The Land Revenue Commissioner is requested to obtain and forward with his own remarks, the explanation of the Dewan Peishkars concerned at an early date"; and that "There were 2 applications from Mahomedans and 5 from 'other classes' and yet not one of them was appointed. The explanation for this omission should be obtained from the officers concerned and furnished to Government with the Land Revenue Commissioner's remarks without delay." (pages 1005 to 1010 of the Council Proceedings Vol. VIII), will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received the necessary explanations from the Land Revenue Commissioner?

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